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Today is the last day of early voting. Cast your ballot at the FAC.

'Let's get physical'

RecSports sponsors a sale of used outdoor and fitness equipment. Gregory Gym at noon

SATURDAY

Moment of zen

Join Austin's satellite Rally to Restore Sanity, the Jon Stewart-sponsored event in Washington, D.C. Starts at 11 a.m. on the south steps of the Capitol.

'You better work'

The 11th Annual Drag-O-Ween features a drag queen costume contest. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., and tickets cost \$15. Ballet Austin on West Third Street.

SUNDAY

Fun fright

Longhorn Halloween 2010 offers a safe and fun environment for the UT community, including face painting and carnival events. Starts at 2 p.m., and the event is free.

Salem

The witchcraft trials of Arthur Miller's classic 'The Crucible' come to life at this play based on the book. Show starts at 5:30 p.m. and tickets start at \$15.

Campus watch

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Brazos Parking Garage, 200 E. Martin Luther King Blvd. A UT police officer observed a red Nissan sit through an entire cycle of light changes without moving. The officers detected a very strong odor of burning marijuana coming from the passenger compartment of the vehicle. During the investigation, the officers observed one of the subjects attempting to cover a clear plastic baggie containing a green leafy substance with his foot. The officer soon discovered a pack of Zig-Zag rolling papers on the same subject. The subject was issued a court appearance citation for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The non-UT driver of the vehicle was issued a court appearance citation for Obstructing the Roadway. All of the non-UT subjects were issued written Criminal Trespass Warnings and escorted from the area. Occurred on Saturday at 4:48 a.m.



Quote to note

"I want to master it all. I really want to do something like in 'The Texas Chainsaw Massacre' and build up a spinal cord injury. It's disgusting and awesome all at the same time."

— Erin Volkman
Orbit Salon stylist
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Jono Foley | Daily Texan Staff

Austin Flyer Women's Cycling and the League of Bicycle Voters gather support for Proposition 1 by leading a ride from City Hall to early voting polls Thursday afternoon.

Bicyclists pedal for Prop. 1

By Shivam Purohit
Daily Texan Staff

Forty bicyclists made the trip from the Austin City Hall Plaza on Cesar Chavez Street to an early voting site at the South Congress H-E-B on Thursday evening to support construction of more bike paths, trails and transit infrastructure in Austin.

The League of Bicycling Voters and the Austin Flyers Women's Cycling organized the event to demonstrate support for Proposition 1, the local transportation bond issue on the ballot.

If passed, Proposition 1 would provide \$44 million for bicycle and pedestrian projects, highlighting the creation of more bike lanes, sidewalks and trails throughout the city.

UT alumnus Griffin Davis, a former president of The Trail Foundation, said a lot of citizen input was considered in making the proposition.

"One of the things people wanted was a choice, an alternative to riding their car," he said.

Davis said in a progressive city like

Austin, where thousands of people commute to work by bicycle every day, the promise of alternative transportation is very strong.

"When you look at the greater issue, the roads-only approach doesn't work," Davis said. "We have to add additional options for getting people around the city."

Eileen Schaubert, a League of Bicycling Voters board member, said the

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✓ Election 2010

Lt. governor race favors Dewhurst, faces funding gap

By Allison Kroll
Daily Texan Staff

The biggest challenge for the next lieutenant governor, the second-highest ranking official in the state, could be how to plug the state's ever-growing budget deficit. The latest estimates place the deficit as high as \$25 billion.

The current lieutenant governor, two-term Republican incumbent David Dewhurst faces an underdog challenge from Democrat Linda Chavez-Thompson.

"Dewhurst is clearly in the lead because of a number of different factors," said Sherri Greenberg, a lecturer at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and former state legislator. "He has the power of incumbency and is a Republican in a red state in a year that is really good for Republicans."

As president of the Texas Senate, the lieutenant governor appoints legislators to committees and casts, deciding votes on legislation in case of a tie.

Dewhurst leads Chavez-Thompson 51 to 38 percent in the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune poll. Libertarian candidate Scott Jameson took 9 percent.

UT government lecturer James Henson, a co-director of the poll, said the race fit a general pattern of statewide contests, where Repub-

lican candidates hold serious advantages of incumbency, fundraising and expected party turnout.

"Dewhurst is a very well-funded candidate, with a lot of personal money to put into his campaign," Henson said. "Chavez-Thompson has been unsuccessful at raising the necessary amount of funds for her campaign, partly because she has had little help from the state Democratic Party."

In the latest 30-day campaign finance reports, Dewhurst outspent Chavez \$3.39 million to \$184,000, according to data from the Texas Tribune.

Chavez-Thompson wants to use every dollar of the state's \$8.2 million Rainy Day Fund to plug the budget hole, but Dewhurst would use only half the rainy day fund to fill the gap.

State lawmakers will also take up the redistricting process in 2011, and several conservative lawmakers have promised to introduce stricter immigration laws modeled on Arizona's controversial SB 1070.

Dewhurst was one of the biggest supporters of a bill in the 81st legislative session that would have required Texans to show either one photo ID such as a driver's

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David Dewhurst



Linda Chavez Thompson

KUT going strong with record funds

By Amy Thornton
Daily Texan Staff

Although the KUT studio might not be visible to many students on campus, KUT Radio has shown that it has a voice in the Austin community and that it is only getting stronger.

The station's semi-annual membership drive, which began Oct. 19, raised a record-setting \$900,000 during the eight-day fundraiser. An

affiliate of National Public Radio, KUT 90.5 is Austin's listener-supported public radio and is based on the UT campus in the Communication complex.

KUT depends on individuals, businesses and program grants for more than 80 percent of its annual operating budget, and the increase in pledges indicates a growing audience.

"We have a large and consis-

tent audience and without that, we would certainly be going the other direction," said KUT Director Stewart Vandervilt.

The station has received some listener feedback about the NPR commentator Juan Williams, who was fired for saying he gets nervous when he sees Muslim people on airplanes. The negative

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Volunteers push students to vote



Catalina Padilla | Daily Texan Staff

UT student volunteers Maggie Lowey, Berenice Meddling and Daria Conpas encourage students to vote Thursday at the FAC as part of the Hook the Vote campaign.

By Yvonne Marquez
Daily Texan Staff

About 25 volunteers chatted away their cell phone minutes Thursday evening as part of Hook the Vote's early vote phone bank.

With a list of 14,000 contacts, the volunteers called registered UT student voters who had not voted yet. Their focus was on heavily student-based precincts — including the on-campus, West Campus and Riverside precincts.

Hook the Vote is a bipartisan coalition made up of Student Government, the Student Events Center, University Democrats, UT Votes, the Black Student Alliance, College Republicans and the University Leadership Initiative. The five-member leadership committee wanted to increase student turnout before early voting ends today, said Hook the Vote

director Jimmy Talarico.

University Democrats President Michael Hurta said the Travis County Democratic Party generated the list of potential student voters. The list states the voter's name, age, gender, address and where their Election Day poll is located. He said the information was gathered from past elections and registration from Hook the Vote efforts.

"I don't think there's an easier legal way to get their information," Hurta said.

Government junior Yaman Desai said student voter turnout is lower than it was in 2008 because it's not a presidential election, which usually comes with more excitement.

"There's not a lot of excitement that there

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Happy Birthday Alex Meltzer!

RADIO: Anti-Muslim remark did not dampen fundraiser

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publicity does not seem to have impacted the drive.

"Most of our audience sees that the daily service that KUT provides transcends the incident," Vanderwilt said. "What our day-to-day value provides is not defined by this, and our audience has been very open-minded about that."

The money from the semi-annual fundraiser is used for direct programming and broadcasting expenses and supports KUT's mission to offer national and global perspectives, news about Central Texas and a way to participate in the Austin music scene.

The financial momentum and increased audience comes at a good time for KUT, as the station

anticipates moving into the Public Broadcast Center in June 2012.

"The way KUT is currently situated, it's not easily accessible to the community," said KUT spokeswoman Erin Geisler.

Though it's currently under construction, the new building on Dean Keeton and Guadalupe streets will enable KUT to be more prominent and accessible to both the UT and Austin communities, making the station more of a destination with its increased technological capabilities and audience capacity.

The new broadcast center will also allow departments to work together in a bigger space, providing a better learning experience for interns and a more collaborative environment.

RACE: Candidates opposed on budget deficit, voter ID

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license along with their voting card or two non-photo IDs such as a birth certificate when they vote in state elections. Chavez-Thompson said voter fraud is not a serious issue in the state.

"I think we should be making it as easy as possible for citizens of this great state to be free to vote and not have any obstacle placed before them," Chavez-Thompson said.

As executive vice-president of the AFL-CIO, Chavez-Thompson has advocated for pro-labor issues. She is also a vice chair of the Democratic National Committee and served as a member of a presidential advisory commission on race relations. Prior to being elected lieutenant governor, De-

whurst was commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

Dewhurst established a program called the Texas Back to Work Initiative earlier this year, which he said has helped create thousands of jobs in the state.

"We were the last ones into this recession, and I want to make sure we are the first ones out," Dewhurst said.

But Chavez-Thompson said she is skeptical of Republican leaders' claims about the state's economic health. She said that according to recent reports from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Texas has the highest share of minimum-wage workers in the nation, and needs to focus on creating higher-paying jobs in science, technology, engineering and math.

SAFETY: 'No Refusal' policy in effect for holiday

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might get out of hand and might break things, causing damage."

UTPD and APD are also increasing the number of officers patrolling the downtown area in preparation for the weekend's revelries. APD would not release the number of officers who will be on duty in the area, and Pieper said the department will have more than the regular amount of five officers working this weekend. Additional officers are likely to patrol dorms and UT's properties on Sixth Street, he said.

Officers will inspect the area for inappropriate accessories, including firearms and swords. All costume accessories should appear fake or individuals will be asked to put it away or leave the area, said APD Sgt. Keith Bazzle.

APD will carry out its "No Refusal" policy Friday and Saturday nights. The department first implemented the "No Refusal" policy in October 2008 to reduce the number of driving-while-intoxicated charges on high alcohol consumption nights, such as Halloween and Labor Day weekends. The policy allows offi-



Jono Foley | Daily Texan Staff

Cmdr. Jason Dusterhoft speaks at an APD press conference regarding Halloween safety on Thursday afternoon.

cers to obtain blood search warrants signed by an on-call judge to test for intoxication if drivers refuse to provide breath or blood samples.

APD's Highway Enforcement Command Unit arrested nearly 180 people since the program began. Of the total, 70 percent of the suspects had a blood alcohol content that was two times over the legal limit of 0.08. APD Cmdr. Ja-

son Dusterhoft said the department will try to increase efforts to reduce numbers of drunken drivers during "No Refusal."

"I don't want to have to go out and get a search warrant for blood," Dusterhoft said. "I don't want to have to go pull someone over for DWI. But if you choose not to take that cab or that designated driver, you're going to be going home with us."

VOTE: State races receive less attention

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generally is for a presidential election, so lots of students don't know or haven't been following the midterm elections as closely," Desai said. "State races don't get as much attention as the national races but these races often matter more than the national races."

Desai said even if Hook the Vote reached a limited amount of people, they reached out to students who would not have voted otherwise. He said what the

volunteers at the phone bank did was great.

"Once students volunteer, I think they will realize that they're not asking people for money or asking them to do anything difficult, just asking them to go out and vote," Desai said. "In our democracy, that's the greatest thing a person can do."

Government senior Derin Kiykioglu said it is important for students to vote so they can give feedback to their elected officials. Kiykioglu said she

had great responses from people she called. She said one girl was about to look up the information online so she was glad Kiykioglu called.

"The more we have people vote, the more representation we have of students," Kiykioglu said. "Students are usually a very largely underrepresented population in the citywide elections. Just to have that student voice and make sure students are heard is very important in order to empower our generation."

CYCLE: Austin's sidewalk network not compliant with Disabilities Act

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proposition is historic because it is the first time something significant is being invested in transportation projects other than the development of roads in Austin.

She said while the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed 20 years ago, Austin's sidewalk network is still not compliant.

"We need to complete our pedestrian trails and allow them to be usable by people of all abilities and ages. Our population is getting older and they won't be able to drive in the same way, and we want them to stay active," Schubert said.

The proposition has received significant opposition in recent

weeks. A political action committee, Sensible Transportation Solutions for Austin, formed to oppose the proposition, with significant financial support from former Texas Monthly founder Michael Levy. Several East Austin neighborhood groups have also criticized the plan for focusing too much on downtown.

But at the ride Thursday night, Siobhan Jones, a pre-athletic training sophomore, said the addition of bike lanes will make biking around the city safer.

"I bike a lot and think that it becomes a safety hazard when the sidewalk ends, and you find yourself on the street," she said. "Bike lanes can fix this problem."

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Nigeria intercepts artillery rockets in arms shipment

By Jon Gambrell
The Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — Artillery rockets like those often used by insurgents in Afghanistan were found to have filled an illegal arms shipment intercepted at Nigeria's busiest cargo port, raising security questions about the oil-rich nation before its upcoming presidential election.

Officials allowed journalists visiting the holding yard just inside of the port's main gate Wednesday to see the 107 mm rockets, rifle rounds and other weapons seized at Apapa Port. Authorities said the shipment also contained grenades, explosives and possibly rocket launchers, but journalists did not see them.

Nigerian National Security Adviser Andrew Owoye Azazi declined to say what ship carried the weapons into the port.

"We don't want to make any conclusions about what threat they offer, where they are going (or) where they're coming from," Azazi told journalists. "Let's not jump to conclusions."

Authorities said the weapons were in a shipment whose manifest labeled the goods as building materials. As officials opened new containers, they pulled away yellow insulation and plastic to reach the individual crates. Broken floor tiles littered the ground.

Such 107 mm artillery rockets

are manufactured by China, Iran and Russia, as well as the United States. The rockets can be fired from launchers with multiple rockets, or individually as a mortar. The rounds seen at the port bore English words, but no information about the manufacturer.

In the hands of highly trained troops, the rockets can accurately hit targets as far as eight and a half kilometers away, killing everything within about 40 feet. Fighters in Afghanistan and Iraq have used similar rockets against U.S. troops.

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Such rockets could be used against oil pipelines, refineries or residential compounds occupied by foreign petroleum company employees throughout Nigeria's crude-rich southern delta. They also could be used against Army barracks and other targets.

Militants in the Niger Delta, upset by the region's endemic poverty after 50 years of crude production and pollution, have attacked government troops and oil company targets since 2006. A recent amnesty has brought an uneasy peace to the area.

"This is the first time we've seen anything like this being brought in," said Peter Sharwood-Smith, Nigeria country manager for security firm Drum Cussac.



Sunday Alamba | Associated Press

A Nigerian soldier, right, gestures as he and others show journalists arms at Lagos, Nigeria, on Wednesday. Artillery rockets like those often used by insurgents in Afghanistan were inside an illegal arms shipment seized by authorities in Nigeria.

WORLD BRIEFLY

BP used cement in Gulf oil well despite tests showing faulty mix

WASHINGTON — Tests performed before the deadly blow-out of BP's oil well in the Gulf of Mexico should have raised doubts about the cement used to seal the well, but the company and its cementing contractor used it anyway, investigators with the president's oil spill commission said Thursday.

It's the first finding from the commission looking into the causes of the April 20 explosion that killed 11 workers and led to the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history. And it appears to conflict with statements made by Halliburton Co., which has said its tests showed the cement mix was stable. The company instead has said BP's well design and operations were responsible for the disaster.

The cement mix's failure to prevent oil and gas from entering the well has been identified by BP and others as one of the causes of the accident.

BP and Halliburton decided to use a foam slurry created by injecting nitrogen into cement to secure the bottom of the well, a decision outside experts have criticized.

The panel said that of four tests done in February and April by Halliburton, only one — the last — showed the mix would hold. But the results of that single successful test were not shared with BP, and may not have reached Halliburton, before the cement was pumped, according to a letter sent to commissioners Thursday by chief investigative counsel Fred H. Bartlit Jr.

Notre Dame student dies after strong wind gust topples tower

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A strong gust of wind swept across Notre Dame's practice football field before a tower toppled, killing a student who had been videotaping the team from the tower, the university's athletic director said Thursday.

Declan Sullivan, a 20-year-old junior from Long Grove, Ill., died Wednesday at a South Bend hospital after the hydraulic scissor lift he was on fell over at the LaBar practice complex. Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick promised there would be a full investigation, but did not say who was responsible for allowing the student to use the lift.

Speaking to reporters for the first time since the accident, Swarbrick described a normal practice that quickly became chaotic on Wednesday. He said he was walking along the football field when suddenly, the wind picked up and equipment began flying.

"I turned to face north and experienced a pretty extraordinary burst of wind. Things started flying by me that had been stationary for all of practice — Gatorade containers, towels, etc. I noticed the netting by the goal post start to bend dramatically and I heard a crash," he said.

Swarbrick said training staff, medical trainers, coaches and players responded to Sullivan, but after emergency workers arrived, the team went back to the field so the rescuers could help the student. Sullivan was taken to a South Bend hospital, but Swarbrick said he received a call from the ambulance before it arrived that Sullivan was no longer breathing.

French port strike strands sailors

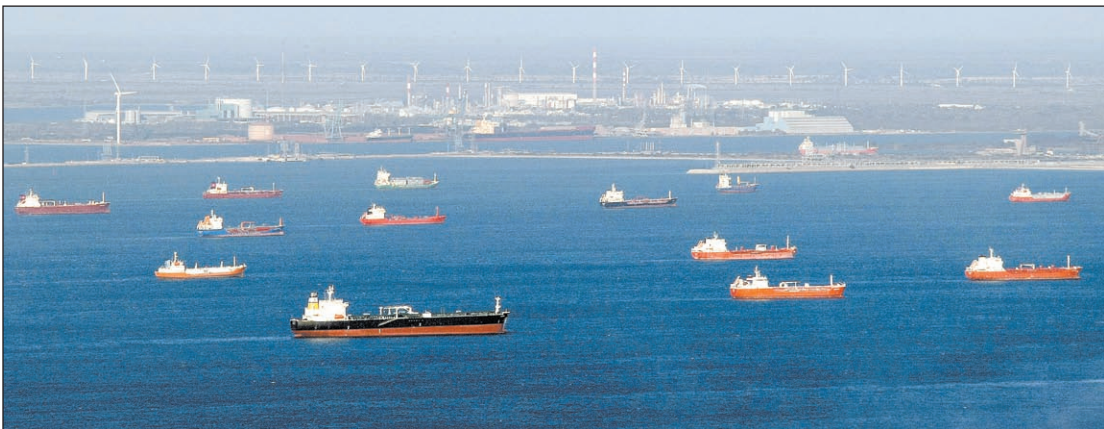
By Greg Keller
The Associated Press

PARIS — They're the unseen victims of France's strikes: up to 1,600 foreign sailors trapped in 80 ships off the southern coast of Marseille, most of them unable to get to the shore that is so close.

The sailors from around the globe have been caught in a power struggle between French labor unions and port authorities that has virtually shut down the country's largest oil terminals — one facet of the French strikes that are costing the national economy up to euro400 million a day.

The sailors still have plenty of work to do, though their ships aren't going anywhere. But their odd situation illustrates how a quintessentially French conflict is disrupting the lives of sailors from every corner of the world.

The port strike, like France's transport and oil refinery strikes,



Claude Paris | Associated Press

In an aerial view, oil tankers and other vessels wait off the coasts of Marseille, southern France, where oil terminals are blocked by striking workers.

is partly a protest over the government's plan to raise the retirement age from 60 to 62. It's also more complex than the strikes that have affected transportation, schools and oil refineries.

It started when Marseille dockers and port workers went on strike Sept. 29 in a dispute over a planned reform of the port's operations. Since then, the number of ships that have been forced to

drop anchor outside the port has steadily risen.

"The situation in Marseille is the worst I've seen," said Gilles Belafronte, an official charged with safely directing the traffic of ships.



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VIEWPOINT

Questionable donations

National Republican organizations have doled out hundreds of thousands of dollars to support Republicans in this year’s state representative races, according to The Dallas Morning News.

A Virginia-based political action group founded by Karl Rove gave more than \$1 million to the Republican State Leadership Committee, a national organization based in Virginia. The group in turn has given at least \$750,000 to the Associated Republicans of Texas, a group that has donated more than \$1 million to support Republican candidates in state representative races, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The agenda of these national GOP leaders making such generous donations is clear: to ensure Texas Republicans maintain control of the Legislature. A Republican legislature will be of great value to national Republicans because the new state Legislature will use data from the 2010 census to redraw voting districts.

The new census figures are expected to result in three to four new congressional seats, so the party that draws the new districts will have significant influence over the demographic and political makeup of the seats.

Currently, 96 Republicans and 85 Democrats comprise the Texas Legislature. If the Republican majority in the state Legislature can withstand the elections Tuesday, the GOP can ensure state districts are redrawn so Republicans are elected to Congress in 2012.

Of course, gerrymandering is nothing new, especially in Texas. One of the most glaring examples of the practice happened in 2003, after Republicans gained control of the state Legislature for the first time in 130 years. Three years after the time’s most recent census, the Legislature redrew a district with a Latino majority to minimize the number of voting Latinos in the district. As a result, the League of United Latin American Citizens filed suit arguing that the redistricting was unconstitutional and violated the Voting Rights Act. The Supreme Court, however, upheld the Legislature’s redistricting plan.

Also consider Texas’ 10th congressional district, represented by Republican Michael McCaul, who is seeking re-election this year. The district covers northeast Austin and extends to west Houston, and its shape resembles an image of a bird carrying a turtle in its talons.

But redistricting is not always bad. When done correctly, redistricting accounts for growing populations and unifies demographics with similar interests. However, when done only to reap partisan benefits, redistricting becomes gerrymandering.

Gerrymandered districts present a serious threat to representative democracy. Instead of protecting their constituents’ interests, representatives of gerrymandered districts simply add votes for their respective party.

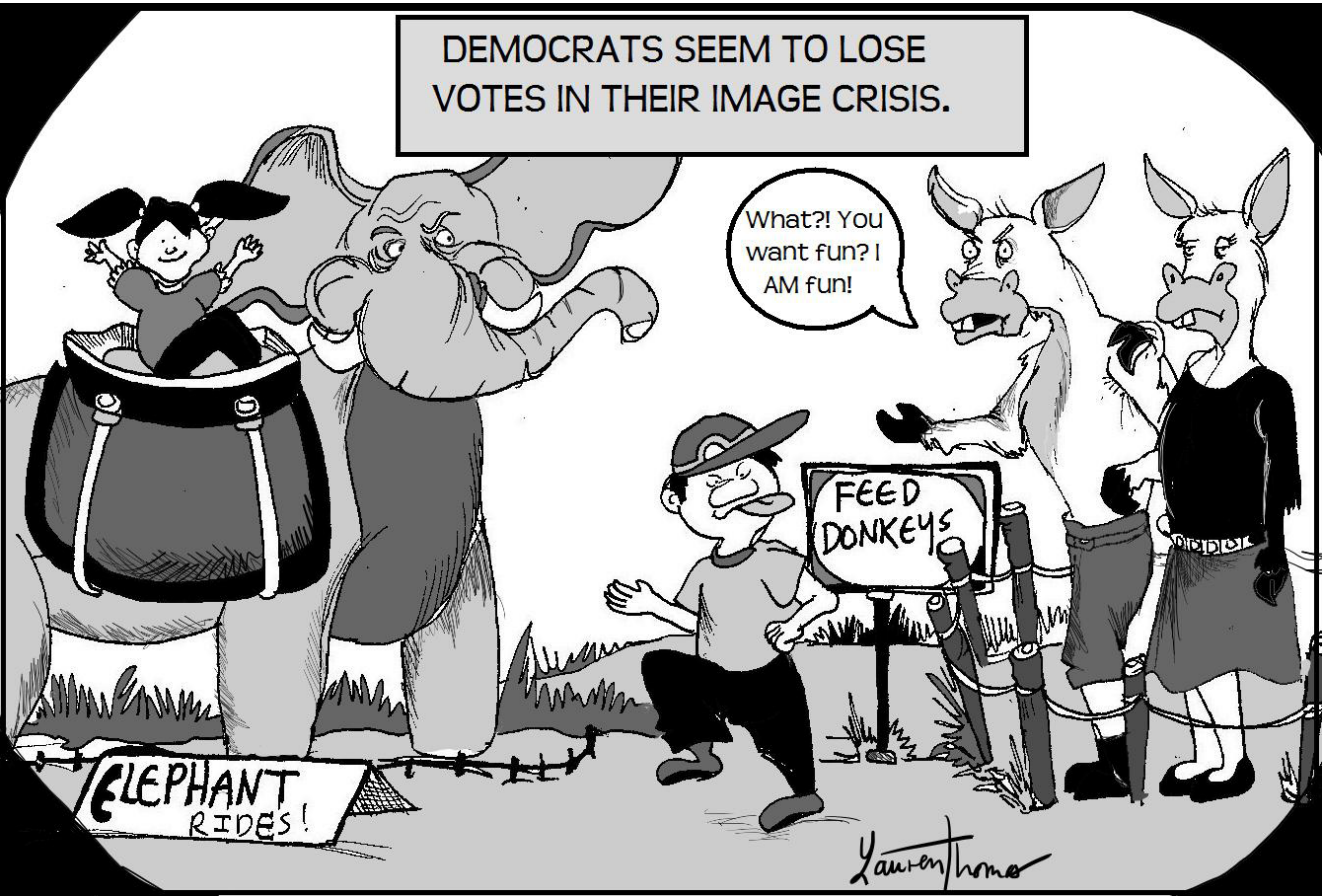
The national political leaders’ donations to local candidates make Texas politicians unnecessarily beholden to national leaders and unnecessarily so.

As a result of this year’s political climate, Republicans could easily maintain their legislative majority without the help of thousands from party bigwigs.

But now, because candidates have accepted the donations, national leaders will want a return on their investments. If a Texas Republican is faced with a decision where Texans’ interests conflict with those of the national GOP leaders who gave thousands to his or her campaign, the Texas politician could easily act at the behest of the national figures. The scenario illustrates the dangers of exorbitant donations from national organizations with weak ties to Texas, which challenge the principles of representative democracy.

— Viviana Aldous for the editorial board

GALLERY



What to wear this Halloween

By Brandon Curl
Daily Texan Columnist

Earlier this week, students at Northwestern University received an e-mail from Dean of Students Burgie Howard reminding them to stay appropriate in their Halloween costume choices.

“Halloween is unfortunately a time when the normal thoughtfulness and sensitivity of most NU students can be forgotten and some poor decisions are made,” wrote Howard in the e-mail to students.

The “poor decisions” to which Howard is referring resulted in last year’s “black-face incident” involving two Northwestern students who painted themselves black for a Halloween costume.

While I’m confident that students at this University exercise superior judgment, choosing a Halloween costume is no doubt a stressful process. So, with Halloween upon us, here are the top five frightening Halloween costumes sure to get you noticed this weekend.

5. Four Loko

Many students can attest to the frightening nature of the recently high-profile “blackout in a can.” The much publicized drink takes the name “Four” from its four main ingredients: caffeine, taurine, guarana and shame. Also, “Loko” in Spanish means “likely to wake up in a hospital.”

To really achieve the Four Loko look this Halloween, try not only dressing up like a brightly colored can but also partying with your friends for hours before punching them in the face.

4. Bill White’s Gubernatorial Campaign

Some prefer dressing as mythical creatures such as witches or monsters for Halloween. Other people dress as equally inconceivable characters such as Gov. Bill White.

In case you haven’t heard, and people including current Gov. Rick Perry haven’t, Bill White is running for governor of Texas. The latest poll released this week has Perry leading White by a comfortable 10 points.

In a red state during a year of Republican vengeance at the polls, White’s odds aren’t good. There hasn’t been a Democratic governor of Texas in 15 years. Worse, there hasn’t been a governor of Texas with a name other than “Rick Perry” in the last 10 years.

This one takes some coordination because your friends will have to be in on it. Before the party, advise everyone to ignore you. Then show up and try to have everyone take you seriously.

3. Brett Favre’s Cell Phone

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre made news earlier this year for allegedly sending inappropriate text messages to former Jets reporter Jenn Sterger, according to reports from sports gossip blog Deadspin. The texts included several picture messages prominently featuring the star quarterback’s penis.

Much has been made of Favre’s duress while under investigation despite Sterger’s refusal to answer questions from the NFL and of Favre’s wife Deanna, who is “handling this through faith.”

But what of Favre’s cell phone? No human being has been more emotionally scarred than this abused electronic device. (Is it so much to ask for a phone to make a few calls or play Angry Birds?)

For this one, dress like an iPhone and sit in the corner of the room with your head in your hands.

2. Randy Quaid

This one requires some back story: Actor Randy Quaid (of “National Lampoon’s Vacation” and “Kingpin” fame) and his wife were arrested last week in Vancouver, British Columbia, on outstanding warrants related to vandalism charges. Evidently, the couple skipped out on a scheduled court hearing in Santa Barbara and fled the country.

But that’s not the strange part. The strange part is that the couple is seeking refugee status in Canada to escape — as they put it in a statement delivered by their lawyer — “Hollywood star whackers.” Evidently, the Quaid’s are referring to the deaths of Heath Ledger and David Carradine (Bill of “Kill Bill” fame).

Said Quaid’s wife to media while leaving an immigration hearing, “Hollywood is murdering its movie stars for ad sales.” Call me Quaisy, but I think Quaid is safe.

This is a perfect costume for couples. Simply show up uninvited to a neighbor’s party, park your trailer in the yard and shout incoherencies. This approach also doubles as a Four Loko costume.

1. Texas Football
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Curl is an advertising graduate student.

THE FIRING LINE

An inappropriate costume

On Tuesday, The Daily Texan published an article about Halloween costumes that was accompanied by a photo of a young woman trying on a headdress at a local costume shop. While the photograph alone definitely rubs me the wrong way, what bothers me the most is that someone took the time to make sure it was labeled as a Native American, instead of an Indian headdress, yet failed to think about the racial connotations of publishing such a photograph at all. And while I realize that most people, when dressing up for Halloween, do not think about whether their getups are offensive or not, The Daily Texan is a news publication, and honestly, you all should know better.

Halloween costumes generally fall into three categories: magical, funny and scary. To dress up as a Native American lumps Native peoples, myself included, into one of those slots and leaves me wondering as to when did Native Americans become fantastical? We are real! We exist! Some of us attend the University of Texas and hold jobs here.

Why is dressing up as a Native American offensive? In general, Indian costumes fall into two types: the “Brutal Savage” or the “Sexy Squaw.” The first perpetuates the myth that all Native people are uncivilized, primitive and, worst of all, violent, while the second furthers the process by which Native American women have been and continue to be sexually objectified and harassed. According to the Southwest Center for Law and Policy, Native American women are victims of rape or sexual assault at more than double the rate of other racial groups, usually at the hands of strangers, whereas other racial groups have a higher percentage of knowing their attackers. While these issues may not seem relevant to some of your readers, they are extremely present to Native Americans. I say to your readers, prior to buying a Native American costume, ask yourself if you feel that dressing in blackface so as to portray an African American for Halloween (or any other occasion) is appropriate. Both practices bolster stereotypes that have contributed to the oppression of people of color. Are you comfortable with that?

— Nikki Birdwell
UT staff member

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Government junior Ambalika Williams chats with friends before a lecture given by social justice and women's rights advocate Rajasvini Bhansali on Thursday afternoon.

Speaker champions day of action

By Allie Kolečta
Daily Texan Staff

Social justice worker Rajasvini Bhansali, a 2003 alumna of the LBJ School of Public Affairs, said in a speech on Thursday in honor of National Young Women's Day of Action that women in developing countries must actively defend their rights against gender-based violence and government neglect.

Bhansali is the executive director of International Development Exchange, a nonprofit which develops community-based solutions to poverty in Africa, Latin America and Asia. She discussed stories of international efforts to create social justice and gender equality by ending poverty among women and empowering them to take control of their lives.

"We're all implicated, both in creating the conditions that have brought us such huge disparities

in the world and in creating the solutions," Bhansali said. "Never has it been more necessary and relevant for us to begin to push and advocate for a change in our policies here in the United States and

sam Rifles, a major Indian police organization. In response, women from up to 100 miles away gathered outside of the Assam Rifles headquarters, shed their clothes and asked the police to take them

Ana Ixchel Rosal, director of the center and an organizer of the event.

"Women's issues matter," she said. "I think far too often we kind of sweep them under the rug, or we think that the women's movement is something that came and went and everything's okay, when in fact we can still see the inequity on this campus."

Bhansali's passion is a reminder of women around the world struggling for gender equality, said Chey Mashburn, an East Asian studies junior and director of the UT Women's Resource Agency. Mashburn plans to work on domestic violence issues in the U.S.

"It's always good to know that we're not the only ones fighting, that there are women just as passionate about their rights who want to affect their communities outside of the United States," she said.

“Women’s issues matter.”

— Rajasvini Bhansali, Social justice worker

in the rest of the world.”

Women in northeast India reacted to gender-based violence with mass protests in 2004, she said. Thangjam Manorama Devi, a suspected member of the banned People's Liberation Army, was brutally raped and killed in Manipur, India, while in the custody of the As-

in place of their daughters, shouting, "We are all Manorama."

The speech marked the fifth annual on-campus celebration of the National Young Women's Day of Action and serves as a way to emphasize the Gender and Sexuality Center as a women's resource center as well as a GLBT resource center, said

Senate seeks to identify service learning classes

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

The Senate of College Councils and the Office of Academic Service Learning are working together to help students find courses that will combine academics with community outreach.

On Thursday night, the Senate passed a resolution in support of adding a service learning flag to the course schedule that would indicate classes with an emphasis on an outreach-oriented application of coursework. Senate will continue to work with the office to make the flag a reality, said Senate President Chelsea Adler.

"I went to Ghana the summer after my sophomore year for a month. The people I met and worked with opened my eyes," Adler said. "There is so much potential for learning to take place outside the classroom, and service learning is the best way to take advantage of that."

Rose Cahalan, the director of the office, said she and other administrators have been toying with the idea of adding the flag for some time and are glad to have found student allies in Senate leadership.

"The Office of Academic Service Learning fully supports the Senate resolution and enthusiastically welcomes student interest in this issue," Cahalan said. "Adding a [service learning] flag would

make it much easier for students to find out about our courses, and it would also improve our office's record-keeping."

Currently, the University has about 50 classes that qualify as service learning courses under the office's support, Cahalan said. They are listed on the office's website, but the new initiative would make their availability more apparent to all students registering.

Such a listing would encourage students with an interest in service learning to register for appropriate classes, while warning students who might not have service-related passions, said Alice Batt, a rhetoric and writing professor and the Undergraduate Writing Center coordinator. Batt teaches a class on writing for nonprofits, in which students write grants and promotional materials for local organizations.

"There are so many students who are really into volunteerism and wanting to be engaged in the community," she said. "I developed the course in 2006 so we could talk about and actually do that kind of work. It fills every semester and there's a huge waiting list, so I think I tapped into a niche."

Cahalan warned that actually getting the flag in place could take several months, but Adler said she hopes to see it on the course schedule for fall 2011.

False alarm disrupts campus; weapon proves to be fake rifle

Texas A&M University resumed normal activity Thursday evening after campus police responded to a report of a possible campus gunman.

A campus bus driver saw an individual carrying what he thought was a rifle near Rudder Tower at about 3:30 p.m., said university spokesman Lane Stephenson.

"It was just one report," Stephenson said. "We just had a report that the university police have found no indication of a crime done."

Following the report, university officials sent a campus-wide Code Maroon alert — an emergency notification program that distributes text messages and e-mails to students, faculty and staff — telling them to

seek shelter. At approximately 4:10 p.m., the suspect was seen near the tower, an 11-story conference center.

Nearly 20 minutes later, the university began shuttle pickups to bring students home. Police searched the area near the tower for the suspect and detained the individual at 5:34 p.m. University officials said the individual carried a replica of a rifle made of hard rubber and walked through the tower building to drive home.

Campus police alerted other local law enforcement agencies as standard procedure, Stephenson said.

"We have a highly trained and well-staffed police department here on campus," he said. "They are certainly capable of handling the situation on their own."

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Rangers take a giant step backwards



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From left, Texas Rangers' Michael Young, Elvis Andrus, Ian Kinsler and Mitch Moreland wait in frustration for a pitcher change during the eighth inning of Game 2 of baseball's World Series against the San Francisco Giants on Thursday in San Francisco.

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO — Matt Cain shut down the Texas Rangers with the type of suffocating pitching that put the San Francisco Giants in the World Series.
Two more games like this and they'll win the World Series.
Cain pitched four-hit ball for 7 2-3 innings, Edgar Renteria homered and drove in three runs and the Giants routed the Rangers 9-0 Thursday for a 2-0 Series lead.

Cain drew frenzied ovations from a crowd waving Halloween-colored orange pompoms, and the Giants scored seven runs in the eighth — the biggest inning in their postseason history.
C.J. Wilson allowed Renteria's fifth-inning homer, then left the mound accompanied by a trainer with a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand following a leadoff walk in the seventh. Juan Uribe added a run-scoring single against reliever Darren Oliver.

Fans stood on their feet cheering as Guillermo Mota completed the four-hitter.
The last team to overcome a 2-0 deficit was the 1996 New York Yankees against Atlanta. The Giants have won each time they took a 2-0 lead: in 1922, 1933 and 1954.
San Francisco improved to 11-0 against Texas at AT&T Park. The Giants sent the high-octane Rangers' offense to its first shutout since Sept. 23.
But after a day off, the Series resumes

for the first time in Arlington, Texas. Colby Lewis starts Game 3 for the Rangers on Saturday night against Jonathan Sanchez.
Much of the pitching buzz coming into the Series was over Texas' Cliff Lee, who had been unbeaten in postseason play before getting hit hard Wednesday.
Cain has been even sharper, pitching 21 1-3 innings in three postseason starts without allowing any earned runs. Sparkling

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Seniors season nearing a close, not friendships

By Jon Parrett
Daily Texan Staff
For a senior, it can be a tough thing realizing the end is near. Four years of hard work, success and adversity. Four years that define your life.
The end is here for five Texas seniors, as the Longhorns host No. 6 Texas A&M in their final home game of the season tonight. Erica Campanelli, Kirsten Birkhold, Kate Nicholson, Alisha Ortiz and Kate Incerto will be honored before the game, with their families joining them on the field.
You would think that with their soccer careers at Texas coming to a close, the seniors might be busy planning for their own futures, leaving little time to interact with each other. But that's not the case for Campanelli, Birkhold, Nicholson and Ortiz — for the past two years, the four have lived with each other in a house off-campus.
"It's a fun environment, and we're all best friends," Campanelli said. "When you're bored, you can always just walk down the hall and there's normally someone home to keep you entertained."
Head coach Chris Petrucelli thinks that living together helps the players when they're on the field.
"Those are the kind of things

that typically happen when players spend a lot of time together," Petrucelli said. "It's something we don't [exactly encourage], but it tends to happen to different classes."
Playing with her friends challenges Nicholson to play hard.
"I want to work hard for all of my teammates, but especially when it's my closest friends," she said. "There's an extra bit of 'umph' that goes into it when I'm playing with them."
While their relationships at home affect their ones on the pitch, it doesn't exactly work the other way around. Campanelli, who has been a captain the past two seasons, said her leadership role doesn't exactly translate at home.
"I wish I could use that kind of authority, but I don't. I don't get to pull rank over anyone, and that's how it should be."
The girls are as close as can be, spending time during practice, team meetings and hanging out at home. On campus, they are each other's best friends. Whenever they go out to eat or see a movie, they go out in packs.
Their house has become a meeting ground for everyone else on the team — they've thrown a couple of birthday parties there, and most

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Jeff Heimsath | Daily Texan Staff

Alisha Ortiz attempts to split a defender earlier this season. Ortiz is among the five seniors being honored tonight in their final home game.

SWIMMING



Jeff Heimsath | Daily Texan Staff

Austin Surhoff swims the butterfly. Surhoff, who had a standout freshman year, hopes to capitalize on that momentum and help win as a team.

Surhoff driven to win as a unit

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff
As a freshman, Austin Surhoff was Texas' only individual winner and the top points scorer in the NCAA Championships, where the Longhorns captured their 10th NCAA title. After such a successful season, Surhoff looks to the future.
"I don't want to be just a flash in the pan," Surhoff said. "I want to be an impact swimmer in the NCAA for all four years that I am here. I feel like the pressure is on now so I have to respond to the pressure and keep getting better."
He said that at the NCAA finals last year, he focused on fin-

ishing strong individually. But the promise of team success is what motivates him this year. Doing his best as part of them team will hopefully propel them to a championship.
A Maryland native, Surhoff's parents come from athletic
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Victory stokes competitive team fire

By Sara Beth Purdy
Daily Texan Staff
While some teams may become at ease after a victory, especially one on the road, and allow their attitudes to affect their performance, this particular group of Longhorns enters this weekend's meet with a renewed vigor and a desire for another impressive victory.
"They came back from Cal with confidence and a greater motivation to push even harder in practice," said head coach Kim Brackin. "They look forward to each dual meet for an

opportunity to be tested."
This past week, sophomores Laura Sogar and Maren Taylor were both recognized by the Big 12 conference for their strong performances against Cal at the last meet. Sogar and Taylor will lead the team this weekend against Michigan and Indiana as they head to the Hoosier State for their first dual meet of the season.
Indiana is coming off a strong season last year at the NCAA Championships, finishing slightly ahead of Texas at 10th place. Sophomore swimmer Taylor Wohrely finished strong against

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The winning percentage for teams leading 2-0 in the World Series since the adoption of the seven game series.

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JOKES OF THE WEEK:

This week's pair of jokes are in honor of the two teams competing in the World Series:

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Nine years after he signed with them, A-Rod finally fulfilled his promise to get the Texas Rangers to the World Series.



To read about Longhorn football, see Double Coverage

SURHOFF: Family legacy, dreams motivate sophomore swimmer

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backgrounds—his dad, B.J., was a major league baseball player for 19 years and his mom, Polly, swam for the University of North Carolina.

“A lot of their philosophies and values were instilled by their athletic accomplishments,” Surhoff said. “A lot of their values came from their athletics so I had athletics-based values very early when I was a kid and I think that helped me. Being mentally prepared for swimming, I think that’s what they helped the most with.”

Surhoff says he misses his family as well as Baltimore Ravens football games, but being in Austin has made him a little less homesick. While visiting colleges, he felt Austin was a good fit for him because of the quality of the coaching staff and the University overall, he said.

He said that his teammates push him to do better both in and out of the pool.

“My roommate Cole Cragin—he is the one who keeps me in line and tells me when I’m being a doofus and stuff like that,” Surhoff said. “Guys like Bryan Collins are guys who push me to do better in practice. Last year, and this year even though he isn’t on the team, Ricky Berens pushed me a lot, too.”

Surhoff also said that head

coach Eddie Reese is his coach and mentor.

“He knows everything that I need in the sport of swimming,” Surhoff said. “He sees a lot more in me than I could ever see in myself.”

He has learned much since coming to Texas, and the coaching staff has helped him get better and become an NCAA champion.

“It took the base that I had in high school,” Surhoff said. “Everything was built up in high school and Texas took that rough product and polished it down to an NCAA champion my freshman year and hopefully more as I continue.”

Reese said that he is impressed by Surhoff’s leadership qualities and levelheadedness. But he said he expects the young swimmer to continue to improve.

“He had a great year last year and I’ve known he was real good all along and now he knows he’s real good,” Reese said. “He is going to be very difficult to beat.”

Looking ahead, Surhoff has ambitions to make it to the Olympics.

“Everybody that comes here [UT] wants to be an Olympian,” he said. “That is the ultimate long-term goal—to represent the United States in the Olympics.”

VOLLEYBALL

Deep bench a force behind Texas’ spiking stock

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

As Texas travels to Colorado on Saturday, the team will look to build off a huge win at home over No. 2 Nebraska on Wednesday. The Longhorns have won seven straight matches and 10 of the last 11, including seven sweeps—dropping only six sets during their hot streak.

The turnaround came after the low point in the season when Texas lost three straight matches and sat at 5-4. Head coach Jerritt Elliott shuffled his lineup because of numerous injuries and the Longhorns (15-5; 9-2 Big 12) have since taken off.

“We are playing more confident than we were,” Elliott said. “This team has come out and learned how to fight individually, they’ve learned how to fight as a team, they’ve gained confidence and learned a lot about themselves and that’s a big key to our success. The difference is now the starters have to perform well because we don’t have the luxury of subbing people in and out.”

Junior setter Michelle Kocher is the latest Longhorn to have her number called after spending the majority of the year backing up freshman Hannah Allison. Kocher has stepped in and immediately contributed.

“The girls that have stepped in have done a phenomenal job, we haven’t missed a beat,” Elliott said. “They’ve built a lot of trust and



Danielle Villasana | Daily Texan Staff

Michelle Kocher tosses the ball in preparation for a serve. The junior setter will start in Saturday’s matchup against Colorado after being forced off the bench because of a number of injuries to the Texas team.

they’re competing. As a coach, it makes it fun to show up to the gym and get after it.”

But the Longhorns began the year as one of the deepest teams in the nation and have shown the importance of having a talented bench.

“We understand that if someone goes down, there are people there

to step up, and they have,” Kocher said. “When people have had their opportunities they’ve really come out and shined. We’re all talented enough to take care of business.”

Senior middle blocker Jennifer Doris has been around long enough to grasp the talent level of her teammates wearing orange and white.

“Everyone on our team could start and play anywhere,” Doris said. “People have stepped up, but that’s part of being an athlete here at Texas, you never know when your number is going to be called.”

Texas and Colorado face off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Boulder.

SENIORS: Friends share fond memories of pranks and parties

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recently, threw a going-away party for Leah Fortune the day before she left to train with the Brazilian national team.

Birkhold likes to keep things light on the field and at home. She hosts ‘Between the Nets’ on *TexasSports.com*, where she conducts weekly interviews with her teammates and coaches.

“I pretty much joke around with the entire team,” Birkhold said. “We all pick on each other in a joking manner.”

While Birkhold doesn’t consider herself a prankster, that doesn’t mean pulling a quick joke isn’t out of the question. Such an opportunity arose while she and Nicholson traveled to California this summer.

“It’s well-known that I’m not good with spicy foods,” Nicholson said.

When Nicholson got up to go to the restroom, Birkhold ordered some salsa for the table.

“I set up this extravagant plan, and drank her water so she wouldn’t have any,” Birkhold said, smiling.

When Nicholson returned, Birkhold told her to try the salsa, ensuring

her it wasn’t hot.

“Oh no, it’s really good,” Birkhold coaxed her.

So, with the trust of her good friend in mind, Nicholson dunked her quesadilla into the salsa and took a big bite.

“My mouth was immediately on fire,” Nicholson said, “and I’m around looking for water, but Kirsten is just laughing because she’s drank them all. She got me good.”

Even after the prank, the two remain great friends. They love going on runs together and are even

training to run in the Austin Half-Marathon this February.

It’s something they wanted to do last year but couldn’t because coach Petrucelli didn’t think it was a good idea for them to run it while on the team.

Finishing up their soccer careers at Texas certainly will open up some free time for the seniors, but Campanelli says they won’t easily forget the times they’ve had together.

“There’s going to be so many memories and all of them are going to make me smile,” she said.

PITCHING: Rangers use six pitchers as Giants’ bats come alive again

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but not surprising, given the Giants led the major leagues in ERA during the regular season.

Cain pitched out of trouble a few times against Texas, which went 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position.


Renteria led off the bottom half with a home run landing about eight rows deep, next to an alleyway.

Washington made a few changes after a sloppy defeat in the opener. He benched Vladimir Guerrero, who made two errors in right field. Cruz shifted to his regular spot in right, with Murphy replacing Cruz in left. Treanor took over from Bengie Molina behind the plate.

Elvis Andrus and Cruz failed to get hits, stopping their 12-game postseason hitting streak.

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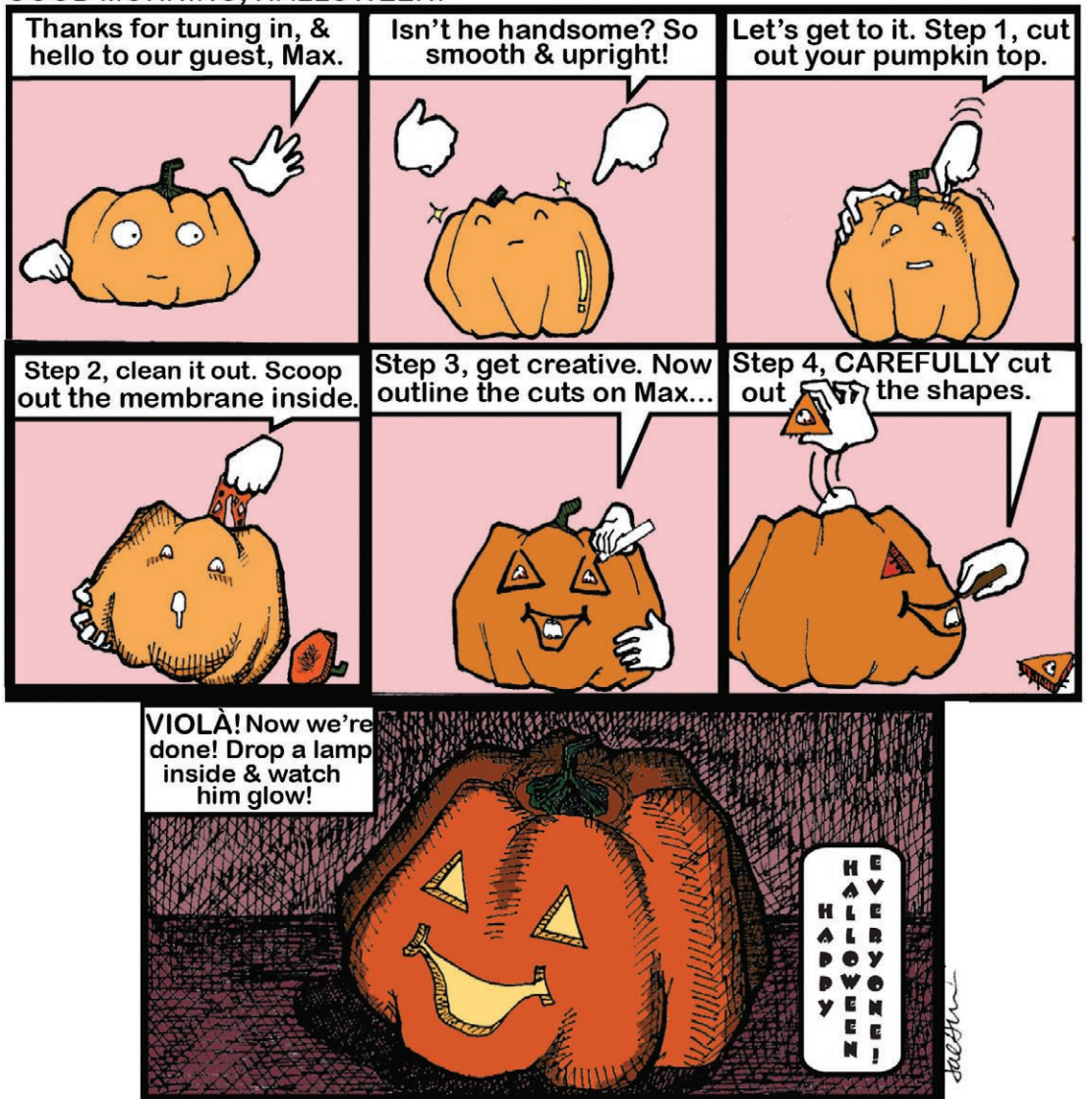
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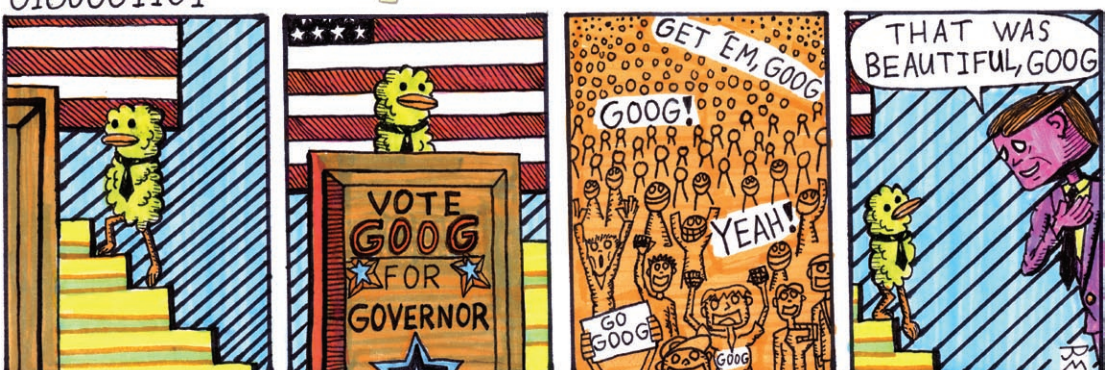
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Stylist gives costume makeup tips

By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert
Daily Texan Staff

A bleeding bullet wound in the forehead. A swollen, busted lip. An ugly gash across the neck.

These are some of the things Orbit Salon stylist Erin Volkman loves to give people — using costume makeup, that is.

Volkman has worked as a hair and makeup stylist for most of her life, but it was only three years ago when she first delved into the realm of horror makeup and “the undead look.” Volkman learned much of the art by experimenting and self-teaching, but she also gained experience while working on the set of slasher film remake “Boggy Creek” in September 2009.

Volkman will also be working with a special effects team on a zombie movie that begins filming in November.

“I want to master it all,” Volkman said. “I really want to do something like in ‘The Texas Chainsaw Massacre’ and build up a spinal cord injury. It’s disgusting and awesome all at the same time.”

Orbit Salon hosted its first Halloween make-up tutorial Wednesday night where Volkman showed people how to upgrade from eyeliner scars and ketchup blood to realistic-looking flesh wounds, creating a gruesome appearance fit for a zombie or someone who got beat up in a bar fight.

“We were looking for different



Shiyam Galyon | Daily Texan Staff

Orbit Salon stylist Erin Volkman, who has worked in hair and makeup for most of her life, teaches a tutorial that shows people how to create authentic-looking horror makeup.

ways to involve clients besides just getting a haircut,” said Christian Kyle, head of Orbit Salon. “Halloween seemed like the perfect time to try this out.”

Seeing hair and makeup as a creative outlet, Volkman said the face is not much different from a painter’s canvas.

For authentic fake blood, Volkman recommends a blend of Karo syrup and red and black food coloring. Deeper cuts require darker blood to look real, so start with a 5-to-1 red to black color ratio in the mixture and then play around with it to find the perfect shade, she said.

Halloween makeup tips

The essentials for creating skin injuries and a zombie face include:

- A bruise wheel – a specific makeup palette that includes all the colors of bruising
- Spirit gum – a skin adhesive to attach objects to the face
- Modeling wax – to create edges of scars and wounds
- Skin concealer – the kind a girl has at home is typically fine
- Fake blood – storebought or homemade

CANDY: Quirky business an ideal Halloween venue

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chocolate-covered pumpkin seeds, Mello Cream Pumpkins and candy corn-flavored Dots. As Halloween draws closer, though, more Halloween candy is disappearing. As of Wednesday afternoon, only a handful of candy corn and candy corn-flavored saltwater taffy were left.

While Big Top Candy Shop is the ideal candy store to turn to for Halloween, it is a lot more than that. Its quirky, small business concept echoes what Austin — specifically South Congress — is all about.

Three years before Hodge opened Big Top Candy Shop, he was managing his toy store, Monkey See, Monkey Do, which is a few doors down from the candy store. One day, he thought about what kind of business would really benefit South Congress.

“I did a lot of traveling around other areas and just had a conception that a candy store and a place to get a nice cold drink and a scoop [of] ice cream would be really popular for South Congress, locals and tourists,” Hodge said. “So we did it and here we are.”

Embracing the over the top, flamboyant yet freakish nature of

the circus, the front-to-back, floor-to-ceiling decorations, all put together by Hodge, consist of reproduced cloth posters of circus freaks such as Snake Boy, Gorilla Girl, Fee Gee Mermaid and bizarre instruments such as a one-man-band tuba and a pneumatic guitar hung on a wall. A lot of the decorations were found at flea markets or given to him, he said.

Despite owning a candy store, Hodge surprisingly does not eat a lot of candy. But he does have his favorite, Sixlets, which are small, round chocolate-covered candy, like M&M’s. For Hodge, eating Sixlets takes him back to his childhood summer days in Southeast Texas. There was a “shack of a convenient store” near the neighborhood swimming pool, where Hodge would go and buy two tubes of Sixlets and a Big Red soda. He would eat one tube, drink the soda, eat the second, get back into the water and swim the rest of the day.

“Everybody’s favorite is always going to be something that’s more than just flavor and taste. It’s nostalgia and memory,” he said. “I’m really a kid at heart. I swear I’ll never grow up.”

GENRE: Different bands embrace, deny ‘witch house’ categorization

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a badge.

Dissonance and heavy reverb, along with bass-heavy beats and blown-out hi hat make for very malicious-sounding music, and that sound is central to the theme of witch house — sounds meant to evoke the skewed, dark outlook of artists on the fringe of experimental music. While bands such as Salem, oOoO and Modern Witch stick to the formula, there are others — Sleep Over included — that make ballads on the softer side of witch house, often taking cues from early dream-pop artists such as Cocteau Twins and Mazzy Star.

But Palazzolo is adamant when she denounces Sleep Over’s music as witch house, though it may be telling that bands often lumped into the genre often associate themselves with the occult and Satanic signifiers, not excepting Sleep Over.

“I’m pretty sure the dude from [20 Jazz Funk Greats] just coined it out of the blue as a blog joke to sum up all the new ‘creepy-dark’ bands coming out,” Palazzolo said. “It

didn’t have any affect on the music-making in Sleep Over. I guess we started releasing in the midst of all of the nonsense and immediately got clumped into the ‘genre’ because we’re girls and apparently therefore witches as well.”

In an article for The Ex Patriarch written earlier this year, Joey Hanson writes about the apparent rise in drag and witch house, suggesting alternative names for the genre before realizing he’s been self-relegated to the music journalists that have hopped on the witch house bandwagon — err, broomstick.

“OK, let’s just forget about that human urge to try to categorize everything into neat, marketable labels,” Hanson wrote.

If only it were that easy. But Palazzolo made one last interesting counterpoint to Hanson’s theory, questioning the relevance of blogs who create these genres in the first place.

“Sorry dudes, blog genres are bogus,” she said. “I think the bigger question should be about the relevance and influence of blogs in general. It’s an interesting new idea of celebrity.”

HEALTH: Alcohol a staple at social functions

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students, that calls attention to a great number who drink.

Everyone has heard about the issues related to drinking alcohol before — increased risk of injuring yourself or others, greater risk of liver disease, heart disease, possible weight gain and alcohol poisoning, among a slew of other problems. A recent article in the Journal of American College Health relates alcohol use to impeding college students’ academic success. Students tend to think about the present effects of alcohol rather than the harmful effects alcohol may have down the road.

“I think we know we’re binge drinking, but it has become normal to us,” said kinesiology se-

nior Amanda McDermott. “I think ignorance is bliss for a lot of college kids.”

Nutrition professor Nomeli Nuñez’s laboratory studies the interaction between alcohol consumption, body fat and breast cancer. He has found a positive correlation between alcohol consumption by pre-menopausal women who are susceptible to breast cancer and predisposing the woman to breast cancer. He advises women who are susceptible to breast cancer — meaning a mom, sister, aunt or grandmother has had it — to stay away from alcohol or do regular self check-ups if you’re not willing to give up the alcohol.

Many students are not willing to give it up because in college, alcohol is a part of many social gatherings.

There are safe ways to enjoy alcohol, and the key is moderation. However, many college students overdo it when drinking on the weekends because of stress during the week. Alcohol causes people to become more self-confident or daring, their judgment is impaired and some may have trouble with fine movements. Drinking more may cause some to feel sleepy, have trouble understanding or remembering things, not react to situations quickly and to be highly emotional — aggressive or affectionate. Some students look forward to this lack of control since the rest of student life is so scheduled, busy and stressful.

“Halloween falls right when things are heating up with school and it’s getting to the end of the semester and, starting November, if

you haven’t gotten it together by now, now’s the time to do it,” McDermott said. “So a lot of people will drink a lot to forget about all the things they have to do and Halloween is an excuse to do that.”

If you’re planning on drinking this Halloween weekend or sometime in the future, consider drinking in moderation — no more than three drinks for women and no more than four drinks for men on a single occasion. Remember that a drink is 12 ounces of regular beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of liquor.

Alcohol may relieve stress and cause good feelings for a time, but at some point you’re going to have to face your stressors. Continually drinking to avoid them may lead to alcohol dependency problems.

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Shop sells sweet, spooky treats

By Julie Rene Tran
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IV pouches of red syrup blood, plastic bags of gummy brains and paper boxes of dried crickets covered in chocolate are just a few of the horrifying sugary candies South Congress' Big Top Candy Shop has to offer for Halloween.

While this wicked holiday has become a drunken night of preposterous costumes for college students, the childhood appeal — and how we all probably first remember it — is trick-or-treating for candy. Candy is as ubiquitous to Halloween as witches, ghosts, scarecrows and pumpkins.

Every inch of this little side-show freaks-themed candy shop is overloaded with sugar — the store swells with the scent of sweet licorice and chocolate. From 48 gold containers of saltwater taffy in flavors such as caramel apple, buttered popcorn and maple, to a glass display holding the store's famous chocolate covered bacon, Big Top Candy Shop has nearly every kind of candy imagined. After all, there are nearly 400 bins of bulk candy.

Despite the shop's abundance of candy, owner Brandon Hodge said they only carry a limited amount of Halloween candy, an arm's length of a section to be exact. As a small business, Big Top Candy Shop can't afford to go



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Kumi Anderson, a visitor to Austin from North Carolina, decides which chocolate truffle to enjoy during her second trip to Big Top Candy Shop in two days.

overboard and end up with a lot of leftovers, he said.

"We're not a big supermarket chain so we can't just toss that stuff out," Hodge said.

Luckily, there's a lot of local support that comes in and buys Big Top's candy for Halloween, Hodge said, and not a lot of them come in

and get just Halloween candy.

"If they want to get a certain color combination of taffy, they can do that," Hodge said. "If they are [an] atomic fireballs lover and they decide they want all the kids in the neighborhood to burn their tongues off, they can do that." Specially for Halloween, Hodge

ordered candy corn saltwater taffy from the candy's manufacturer in St. Louis. Among the stomach-turning real insect candies and sugar replicas of rats and body parts are normal Halloween festive candies, which include

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Binging not only way to experience Halloween spirits

HEALTHY HOOK

By Addie Anderson

Many have experienced the morning after a big night out — nauseous and parched, unable to get out of bed but finding it hard to sleep because your head hurts. Many of you may be feeling this right now; others know that you will experience it by the end of this Halloween weekend. Binge drinking, although bad for you, is a regular aspect of social interactions in college and a common cause of these hangovers. Drinking in moderation or not at all is the advice to take to avoid hangovers, as well as other detrimental health effects of alcohol.

Binge drinking, which is excessive drinking to the point of intoxication, differs for genders but causes the same effects in both men and

women. Women consuming four or more drinks and men consuming five or more drinks in a two-hour period is considered binge drinking, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The institute also says that most people who binge drink are not alcohol dependent, and although in college it's all around us, it is bad for our health.

According to the institute, about 4 in 5 college students drink, including nearly 60 percent of students aged 18 to 20. Colleges vary widely in their binge drinking rates, but the Princeton Review has deemed UT a party school for many years and with 50,000

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Music subgenre arises from reviewers

By Francisco Marin
Daily Texan Staff

"Whatever 'witchy' musical presence lurking in Austin is due to either the funk at Barton Springs or the idiocy of blog writing. Don't get me wrong, I appreciate reviews and discovering new music as much as the next Internet freak, but sometimes there's a fine line between credible suggestions and trend-setting manipulation."

That's Christa Palazzolo of Austin's Sleep Over, talking about the supposed burgeon-

ing status of "witch house" as a subgenre. The problem, Palazzolo and others assert, is that witch house, also referred to as "drag" and "haunted house," does not exist, at least not in any local context. Only a handful of artists have taken up the reins of the label, making spectral electro from the dredges of chopped-and-screwed rap, UK bass and dub. So the question is: What's with all the media hype surrounding witch house?

For one thing, in a dying world of music journalism, people who can categorize well

are the tastemakers of the industry, and those people tend to be pretty influential once they hit their stride — one needs to only look at The Wire's David Keenan, who coined "the New Weird America" and "hypnagogic pop" labels that many bands now wear like

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Excessive alcohol consumption is especially dangerous during Halloween weekend, when many students are feeling overwhelmed by their classes.



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